

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/509,462  
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Applicant: Kenji Kondo, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2624  
Examiner: Aaron W. Carter  
Title: Image Processing Method, Image Processor,  
Photographic Apparatus, Image Output Unit and Iris Verify  
Unit  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2008, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species 1, readable on claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 19, 22 and 23, corresponding to Figure 4, for prosecution in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute the remaining claims at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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